

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Expedite™ 5.11a is required for all Prime Contractors submitting bids to the MDT Contract Plans Bureau.

Beginning with the January 17, 2013 Letting (December 20, 2012 Advertisement), all prime contractors submitting bids to the MDT Contract Plans Bureau must use the newest version of the Expedite™ Bid Software Program (Expedite™ 5.11a). Download Instructions are available from the MDT Contracting/Consulting webpage through the following link: [SOFTWARE LINK](#)

NOTE: Bid Express© subscribers were required to upgrade to Expedite™ 5.11a earlier this year through the Bid Express© Service.

2) The naming convention of the bid files is changing to the Contract ID No.

The naming convention of the Expedite™ bid files is changing to the Contract number rather than the Letting Date/Call Order format. (Example 03113.EBS vs. 17JAN101.EBS). If you recall from the September 2012 Letting, MDT had to postpone the letting due to computer network issues. With the naming convention including a date, prime contractors were forced to download new bid files for the new postponed letting date. Changing the naming convention of the bid file to the Contract ID, will allow postponement of a letting date without requiring contractors to download new bid files. An addendum would be issued for a change in the letting date of a particular contract. The Library File of all contracts in a particular letting will still be named with the Letting Date (ex. 17JAN.EBL)

Please contact the MDT Contract Plans Bureau at (406) 444-6284, or (406) 444-6215 with any questions.

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Clarification:

Submitted: Thu,, 07-Feb-2013, 13:50 MST

An Addendum has been posted for this project. Please click on the following link to access the information:

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Clarification:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013, 13:53 MST

A 2nd Addendum has been posted for this project. Please click on the following link to access the information:

ADDENDUM NO. 2

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Submitted: Fri, 18-Jan-2013 09:34 MST
Company: Shumaker Trucking & Excavating Contractors, Inc.
Contact: Neal Cleveland
Question:

Is it possible to get the GeoPak files and MicroStation X-Section files for this project?

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 18-Jan-2013 14:10 MST
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The requested files do not represent the staked project, but are only design files. The Department cannot guarantee the accuracy of the electronic data, particularly as it may be called up by your computer, nor does any data in these files supersede the data in the contract documents.

In addition, the Department will not make any revisions to the electronic files pertaining to the staked project, change ordered work, or changes that are made during construction to fit field conditions.

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Submitted: Fri, 18-Jan-2013 10:46 MST
Company: Cretex Concrete Products
Contact: Gary Williams
Question:

The Schedule of Items and the Culvert Summary recap on sheet 15 all refer to the needed pipes as RCP. The Culvert Summary on sheet 14 and the Approach Summary on sheet 15 appear to allow Aluminum or Steel pipe options. Please clarify if Pipe Options are allowed.

~~Answer:~~

~~Submitted: Wed, 23-Jan-2013 15:10 MST~~

~~The Culvert Summary Recap is a summary of the base bid items for mainline culverts and approach culverts.~~

~~The base bid for both mainline and approach is RCP. Pipe options are allowed if they are identified in the Culvert Summary Frame and Approach Pipe Summary Frame on pages 14 and 15.~~

Updated Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 23-Jan-2013 16:50 MST

Pipe options are allowed for the items shown in the Culvert Summary Recap. The Culvert Summary Recap will be changed to replace the RCP bid items with Drainage Pipe. An addenda will be issued for this change.

Updated Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 28-Jan-2013 11:35 MST

Plan Sheet 15 is hereby replaced. **REVISED PLAN SHEET 15**

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Submitted: Tue, 22-Jan-2013 11:33 MST
Company: Montana Civil Contractors Inc.
Contact: Bob Koch

Question:

Is the allocated 100 Working Days Contract Time correct for this project? The Preliminary Contract Documents reported 260 days. If 100 Working Days is correct, can you please explain the reasons for the fast track schedule?

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 14-Feb-2013 10:15 MST
Contract time will be 100 working days for the project. The 260 working days was based on the entire project prior to splitting it into three phases.

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Submitted: Wed, 23-Jan-2013 16:10 MST
Company: Schellinger Construction Co., Inc.
Contact: Marc Blanden

Question:

The Riprap apron detail on Sheet 19 of the plans shows 102 mm of topsoil placement and seeding on top of the installed riprap.

Is placement of this topsoil paid for under the Topsoil Salvage and Place item? Is the seeding paid for under the seeding items? Or is all this work incidental to the Riprap items?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon. 28-Jan-2013 11:25 MST
The quantity of topsoil and seeding required to be placed over the riprap is covered under the "Topsoil & Seeding"
Summary Frame on Sheet 13 for the appropriate station ranges.

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Submitted: Mon, 28-Jan-2013 09:11 MST
Company: Yellowstone Environmental Contracting
Contact: Zac Mader

Question:

Can a turf reinforcement mat that was approved on the US 191 Slides N. of Mobridge be accepted on this project?

The product is TerraGuard 44P manufactured by Hanes Geo Components.

Answer:

~~Submitted: Mon, 28-Jan-2013 11:25 MST~~
~~Turf reinforcing mat must satisfy all requirements of 713.12.8.~~

Answer:

Submitted: Tue, 29-Jan-2013 16:39 MST
The Special Provision, TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT (TRM) is hereby added to this contract. Furnish and install Turf Reinforcing Mat meeting the requirements outlined in this special provision.
[TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT](#)

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Submitted: Wed, 30-Jan-2013 09:15 MST

Company: Schellinger Construction Company Inc.

Contact: Mark Cyr

Question:

Would MDT please post a link to the entire Geotechnical Report including Seismic Data if available for this project?

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 04-Feb-2013 10:54 MST

Attached are PDF Files of the available project alignment and/or structures geotechnical report(s), geotechnical report supplements, and geotechnical laboratory summaries. There is remaining geotechnical information that is voluminous and very difficult to compile in a concise manner.

Contractors are welcome to come to MDT Headquarters to inspect soil and/or rock samples taken for the project that are stored here or to look through the complete set of Geotechnical field investigation notes, laboratory testing, analytical, or other data in our project files.

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The documents can be found at:

[GEOTECH REPORTS](#)

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Submitted: Wed, 30-Jan-2013 10:08 MST

Company: Macon Supply

Contact: Jeff Monaco

Question:

Do the coconut and straw/coconut blankets need to have 100% biodegradable netting?

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 31-Jan-2013 13:49 MST

The coconut and straw/coconut blankets do not need to have 100% biodegradable netting.

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Submitted: Fri, 01-Feb-2013 14:33 MST

Company: Schellinger Construction

Contact: Bob Warren

Question:

- 1) Is MDT going to utilize the new Good Faith Effort guidance when analyzing DBE utilization on the project?
- 2) Due to the small amount of subcontractable work on this project, the 7% DBE goal on this project is not

reasonable. Will MDT lower the goal to a reasonable and possibly attainable percentage?

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 06-Feb-2013 8:33 MST

The DBE goal was 5% for this project. This goal will be waived by addenda.

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Submitted: Mon, 04-Feb-2013 13:17 MST

Company: Yellowstone Environmental Contracting

Contact: Zac Mader

Question:

In the new turf reinforcement mat addendum it states to use wooden stakes. What size of wooden stakes are being called for?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 04-Feb-2013 15:05 MST

Use only wooden stakes that are of the size and dimension recommended by the manufacturer. Place stakes in locations and at center intervals recommended by the manufacturer for the particular type of installation.

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Submitted: Wed, 06-Feb-2013 07:17 MST

Company: Nelcon, Inc.

Contact: Sam Weyers

Question:

1. With #3 above, will the Department consider to add additional contract time?
2. For the CTB item, will MDT provide an estimated percentage of cement to be used? It is not shown on sheet 3, basis of planned quantities.

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 06-Feb-2013 16:22 MST

1. Contract time will be 100 working days.
 2. Supplemental Specification 304 outlines general properties of Cement Treated Base. The actual percentage of cement used is dependent on the contractor's mix design.
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Submitted: Wed, 06-Feb-2013 14:59 MST

Company: Schellinger Construction Co., Inc.

Contact: Marc Blanden

Question:

If drilling and blasting of existing soils is required on this project will MDT compensate the contractor for these costs as well as blast consultant costs?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013 13:14 MST

An item for Blasting Consultant will be added to the contract by addendum. The linked special provisions for Blasting Consultant are also added. If blasting is required on this contract, payment for the blasting consultant and other associated costs will be as specified in the linked special provisions.

BLASTNG SPECIALS

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Submitted: Thu, 07-Feb-2013 09:50 MST

Company: Schellinger Construction Co., Inc.

Contact: Marc Blanden

Question:

What is the material specification for 207 300 000 Bedding Material? Does it just have to meet the specification shown on Table 701-17 of the standard specifications?

Can a detail for the bedding placement around the pipe @ 172+40 be provided?

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 07-Feb-2013 13:43 MST

See Supplemental Specification 701.04.1 for Bedding Material specifications.

Standard Detail 603-19 shows the bedding requirements for all culverts 54" equivalent and larger.

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Submitted: Thu, 07-Feb-2013 14:35 MST

Company: Prairie Management INC.

Contact: Jason Fisher

Question:

Please post examples of turf reinforcement mat to be used on this project.

Answer:

Submitted: Tue, 12-Feb-2013 12:50 MST

One possible example can be found at the following link: [TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT](#)

Roscoe Steel carries this product line.

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Submitted: Thu, 07-Feb-2013 14:52 MST

Company: Prairie Management INC.

Contact: Jason Fisher

Question:

Going back to question number 7 that Macon asked, I thought blankets with plastic in them were band in the state of Montana? Blanket material was to be made out of bio netting?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013 16:30 MST

The permitting requirements for many MDT projects require that erosion blankets contain 100% biodegradable netting. This project does not include a Nationwide 404 Permit and the associated US Army Corps of Engineers 100% biodegradable permit condition does not apply to this project. Therefore, the contractor has the option of using either. The previously posted response to question number 7 is correct.

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Submitted: Thu, 07-Feb-2013 15:26 MST

Company: Schellinger Construction Co., Inc.

Contact: Marc Blanden

Question:

The culvert summary on sheet 14 shows 4.7 M3 of Class DD concrete being installed at the culvert at Station 172+40. Can you please provide a detail of this concrete application? Is it cut off walls, slope paving, etc.?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013 15:14 MST

See Standard Drawing 552-04 and 613-08. It is for slope protection and cut-off walls.

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Submitted: Fri, 08-Feb-2013 10:26 MST

Company: Schellinger Construction Co., Inc.

Contact: Marc Blanden

Question:

Does the culvert excavation quantity on the summary for PTW Culvert Removals include the full excavation quantities of the ditches that will be created at these removal locations?

Is the cost of excavating, shaping, and constructing these ditches paid under 602 010 000 REMOVE PIPE CULVERTS or 203 100 000 EXCAVATION UNCLASSIFIED?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013 15:10 MST

Yes, the excavation quantity shown is an estimate for the full excavation of the ditch.

As stated on Sheet 14, the cost of excavation should be paid for with the pipe removal.

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Submitted: Fri, 08-Feb-2013 10:40 MST

Company: Schellinger Construction Co., Inc.

Contact: Marc Blanden

Question:

Also in regard to the summary for PTW Culvert Removal and the pipe removal shown on the Approach Pipe summary what are the material types of all of the existing pipes that will be removed?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013 15:10 MST

Existing Mainline pipes to be removed are Reinforced Concrete Pipes.

Approach pipes to be removed are Reinforced Concrete Pipes.

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Submitted: Tue, 12-Feb-2013 15:30 MST

Company: Gaston Engineering & Surveying

Contact: Brent Miller

My question is in regards to measurement and payment of the earth dike berms specified for above referenced project.

What item are the dikes to be included in? (see table on sheet 13 of plan set).

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 13-Feb-2013 09:08 MST

The Earth Dike Berms are included in the Additional Grading Summary Frame on Sheet 11. This item will be measured and paid as Excavation - Unclassified.

102 - JUDITH RIVER SLIDE REPAIR/MT 11-1

Clarification:

Submitted: Tue, 29-Jan-2013 13:17 MST

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but are not limited to: Project splits (for funding, ROW issues, etc.); alignment and grade changes; and changes due to environmental factors (sensitive areas, etc.). The documents can be found at: [GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS](#)

Clarification:

Submitted: Wed, 06-Feb-2013 9:10 MST

The DBE goal for this project is hereby waived by addenda.

Clarification:

Submitted: Thu,, 07-Feb-2013, 13:51 MST

An Addendum has been posted for this project. Please click on the following link to access the information:

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Clarification:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013, 13:55 MST

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Clarification:

Submitted: Tue, 12-Feb-2013, 9:15 MST

A bid item for Final Sweeping and Brooming has been added to this project by addenda.

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Submitted: Fri, 18-Jan-2013 09:35 MST

Company: Shumaker Trucking & Excavating Contractors, Inc.

Contact: Neal Cleveland

Question:

Is it possible to get the GeoPak files and MicroStation X-Section files for this project?

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 18-Jan-2013 13:10 MST

The design files for the requested project are posted on the MDT FTP site for your use at: [GEOPAK FILES](#)

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Submitted: Mon, 28-Jan-2013 09:21 MST

Company: Yellowstone Environmental Contracting

Contact: Zac Mader

Question:

Can a turf reinforcement mat that was approved on the US 191 Slides N. of Mobridge be accepted on this project?

The product is TerraGuard 44P manufactured by Hanes Geo Components.

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 28-Jan-2013 12:20 MST

TerraGuard 44P is not approved for use on this project.

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Submitted: Tue, 29-Jan-2013 17:29 MST

Company: Century Companies, Inc.

Contact: Aaron Golik

Question:

Does the department have an estimated surface area of plant mix lined ditch?

Please clarify the density

requirements in the special provision specification under plant mix lined ditch. "Compact the material to the density

specified by the Project Manager" is not a quantifiable specification.

Number of passes with a roller might be a

quantifiable method of compaction for hot mix when compacting on the material used to build a ditch.

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 01-Feb-2013 13:06 MST

The estimated surface areas are as follows:

51+25 to 56+20 RT = 13,696 SF

61+00 to 71+50 RT = 37,549 SF

67+10 to 70+85 LT. (Drain ditch 205+60 to 209+80) = 11,410 SF

Compact these areas to 97% of a control strip as determined necessary by the Project Manager.

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Submitted: Fri, 01-Feb-2013 10:19 MST

Company: Montana Civil Contractors, Inc

Contact: Matt Montgomery

Question:

In regards to SP 28, what bid items specifically are required to be performed by a Prequalified Stream Restoration Contractor?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 04-Feb-2013 14:49 MST

The Prequalified Stream Restoration Contractor is required to perform all work associated with the Little Rock Creek channel change, excluding the box culvert installation and the box culvert inlet and outlet riprap installation.

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Submitted: Fri, 01-Feb-2013 14:49 MST

Company: Kootenai Surveyors Inc.

Contact: Alvah F Hughes

Question:

Will the surveyor need to file a R/W Certificate of Survey upon completion of the R/W monumentation?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 04-Feb-2013 15:50 MST

Yes

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Submitted: Fri, 01-Feb-2013 15:34 MST

Company: Kootenai Surveyors Inc

Contact: Alvah F Hughes

Question:

Is the stream restoration staking incidental to Construction Survey and Layout?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 04-Feb-2013 14:51 MST

Yes, the stream restoration staking is included in the Construction Survey and Layout.

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Submitted: Thu, 07-Feb-2013 14:02 MST

Company: Montana Civil Contractors Inc.

Contact: Bob Koch

Question:

In regards to Bid item 103500010 Critical Path Schedule, is a schedule in Primavera SureTrak software an acceptable schedule to submit?

Answer:

Submitted: Fri, 08-Feb-2013 10:17 MST

The schedule is required to be developed using Primavera P6 software. Primavera SureTrak does not meet the scheduling requirements.

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Submitted: Fri, 08-Feb-2013 16:43 MST

Company: Montana Civil Contractors Inc.

Contact: Bob Koch

Question:

Will the existing utilities be relocated before the project begins?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013 11:44 MST

It is anticipated that all the utilities will be moved out of conflict prior to the "Notice to Proceed" (NTP).

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Submitted: Sat, 09-Feb-2013 20:50 MST

Company: Cretex

Contact: Mike Pardy

Question:

The Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert Detail Sheet has a table of dimensions in which the top slab, Bottom slab and wall thickness are listed. Can these be modified by the precaster based on a Montana PE's design as is common practice on MDT projects or will these thickness's be mandatory?

Answer:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013 12:59 MST

Alternate RCB design submittals will be considered for approval provided they meet the Contract requirements, Special Provision #39 and the design criteria.

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Submitted: Tue, 12-Feb-2013 12:10 MST

Company: Helena Sand & Gravel

Contact: Jason Fenhaus

In putting together a preliminary schedule for the Judith River Slide Repair project, the Special Provisions state that the willow cuttings must be planted between March 15 and May 1. If this project is awarded on February 26th, it will take a couple of weeks to get a Construction Dewatering permit in place for the installation of the box culvert. The box culvert installation and the cuts and fills must be complete between stations 47+05 and 61+00 in order to move traffic from the existing roadway where the new steam channel

is going to be built. To get permits in place, topsoil striped, embankment foundation material placed, box culvert installation completed, build this section of roadway to subgrade, switch traffic and complete the reconstruction of Little Rock Creek to plant the willow cuttings is a very difficult task to complete by May 1st. We have done many projects with the Montana DEQ that required the planting of willows. They allow planting up to July 15th. The requirement in the specials for the planting of the willows will be an issue on this project.

Answer:

Submitted: Wed, 13-Feb-2013 13:53 MST

Special Provision #33 - Willow Cuttings - C.3) - the planting date of between March 15 and May 1 is hereby revised as follows:

The planting completion date is hereby changed to the end of May. The following is added: "as long as the material is collected when it is dormant, then stored in a cool, moist, dark environment to maintain viability. The MDT botanist will inspect the plant material for viability and condition prior to planting."

103 - N FAIRFIELD-CHOTEAU & JCT MT 200-CHOTEAU

Clarification:

Submitted: Mon, 11-Feb-2013, 13:58 MST

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Submitted: Wed, 30-Jan-2013 11:42 MST

Company: Pavement Maintenance Solutions, Inc.

Contact: Chris Rasmussen

Question:

The language in Special Provision No. 10 is not clear to me due to the etc. in the restricted activities. It appears that all work listed in the summaries is allowed to be performed after June 15th if materials are crushed and stockpiled outside the nest areas listed in the specification. Please define etc. and describe what is restricted in these areas.

Answer:

Submitted: Thu, 31-Jan-2013 8:40

The intent of this provision is to prohibit staging or borrow site activities - (including but not limited to blasting, stock piling and gravel crushing) in those areas denoted for the time periods specified. The project work listed in the summary frames is allowed after June 15th.

Special Provision No. 10, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION & COORDINATION MEASURES FOR EAGLES is

hereby replaced. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION & COORDINATION MEASURES FOR EAGLES

021113_CONST_SURV_LAYOUT.PDF">SPECIAL PROVISION NO. 8

No Questions at this time.